

Unless YOU Repent...

Luke 13:1-5

Pride And Prejudice, 1

Present

- Lk.12:54-59
- Reference to judgment prompts news item

Galileans

- Regularly attended feasts (Jn.4:45)
- Were not respected (Jn.7:52)

Blood...mingled with sacrifices

- Reason for slaughter: unknown
- Some assume they 'got what they deserved'

Pilate

- In serious trouble
- 'Inflexible, merciless, and obstinate'

Important thing: Lord's response

- He could have said . . .
 - 'These men were the worst...'
 - Nothing – everyone has right to his own beliefs
 - Abana vs Jordan River
 - Job 42 – not safe
 - Leads to search for signs
 - Easy to focus on others. Gn.3
 - Easy to condemn others. 1 Co.9:27

Pride And Prejudice, 1

Presumption And Pleasure, 2

Do you suppose...?

- After this, therefore because of this

Worse

- They **are** sinners (Ro.3:23)
- They are **not** worst of sinners

1. What about Herod (Acts 12)?
2. What about Saul (Ac.7-9)?

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Worse

Because they suffered . . . ?

- Jn.9:1-3
- Lk.13:22
- Sin does carry consequences, Gn.42:21; Jg.1:7 (but **Job 4:7**)
- Does prosperity prove one is righteous? (Ps.73)

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Plea And Promise, 3

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Right question: 'What about me?'

Without repentance, all sinners face God's judgment. Ac.17

Seek way of escape (Lk.3:3)

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Either: in same manner –

a. cut to pieces, or b. suddenly

Or: also (consider 'all'); no escape

History: AD 70

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Earthly calamities cannot compare with eternal.

Lk.16 illustrates Mt.10:28

Destroy: 'of eternal death' – BDAG

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Potential Of Peril, 4

Those eighteen

Jesus knows current events; uses them as lessons and warnings

Tower in Siloam fell and killed

Accidents are not judgments

Only 18 worthy of death that day?

Cause and effect: alcohol & liver

Some of best in Israel die young
(Ac.7)

Accidents SHOULD remind us...

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Preparation For Paradise, 5

Perish

“But I’m not a bad person”

Ro.3:23; 6:23. Ac.10

Repent

Change mind

Is any sin worth ‘perishing’?

Lessons

1. When we say a sinner got what he deserved, it's true (Ro.6:23)
 - But we have not gotten what we deserve.

And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such deliverance as this – Ezr.9:13

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3. Every tragedy should get my attention: am I ready?
 - Acts 16:27-30